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- 1. A collapsible steering column assembly for a vehicle, the assembly including a steering column mounting bracket itself being mountable on a vehicle body part, there being a deformable component that is joined to the mounting bracket and that can collapse in the event of vehicle crash thereby to absorb energy.
- 2. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the deformable component is integral with the mounting bracket.
- 3. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the mounting bracket supports upper and lower subassemblies of the steering column.
- 4. An assembly according to claim 3, wherein the upper and lower subassemblies are slidably mounted one on the other.
- 5. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the deformable component has a normal positional relationship with the mounting bracket in which it is restrained by at least one locating means. ((1,1))
- 6. An assembly according to claim 5, wherein the locating means comprises at least one slot in the mounting bracket and a locating pin on the deformable component.
- 7. An assembly according to claim 6, wherein there are two such slots and locating pins that mate with their respective slots.

- 8. An assembly according to claim 6, wherein the slot is an open slot.
- 9. An assembly according to claim 5, wherein the locating means comprises at least one slot in the deformable component and a locating pin on the mounting bracket.
- 10. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein there are two such slots and locating pins that mate with their respective slots.
- 11. An assembly according to claim 9, wherein the slot is an open slot.
- 12. An assembly according claim 1, wherein the deformable component comprises at least one stiff strip so configured as to provide a region of weakness about which the strip can be bent and thus collapsed upon receiving a compressive force along the length of the strip.
- 13. An assembly according to claim 12, wherein said strip has one end that is joined to the mounting bracket another end that is free, said free end of the strip forming a mounting for a pivot member.
- 14. An assembly according to claim 10, wherein the pivot member supports a universal joint bearing assembly of the steering column.

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15. An assembly according to claim 1 and having provision for rake and/or reach adjustment of the steering column.

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